The opinion in support of the decision being entered today was <u>not</u> written for publication and is <u>not</u> binding precedent of the Board.

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Application No. 09/462,342

ON BRIEF

Before FLEMING, <u>Chief Administrative Patent Judge</u>, HARKCOM, <u>Vice Chief Administrative Patent Judge</u>, and OWENS, <u>Administrative Patent Judge</u>.

Per curiam.

On October 2, 2003, appellants filed a Notice of Appeal. On September 22, 2005, appellants filed a communication requesting that this application be expressly abandoned.

Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that the appeal filed October 2, 2003 is dismissed.

The application is being returned to the examiner for further action as may be appropriate.

Michael R. Fleming, Chief Administrative Patent Judge

Gary V. Harkcom, Vice Chief Administrative Patent Judge

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